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As a moth consumes a garment, so doth envy consume a man.—St. Chrysostom.

PRESSING HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

The entire territory is interested in harbor improvements, and a timely move has been made by the board of harbor commissioners in securing a report from a sub-committee upon the most vital work for 1913. This report was published in the second edition of the Star-Bulletin yesterday afternoon, and, because of its importance, is summarized below:

1. Port street bulkhead wharf should be pressed to completion, including the construction of a wharf in the slip adjoining the Alakea street wharf, the construction of a wharf at the foot of Port street, the extension seventy-five feet makai of the Oceanic wharf, and the extension makai of the Oceanic wharf to Queen street. Recommended that construction be of concrete and comprehensive shed-plan should be worked out at once.
2. Slip should be dredged at present site of marine railway and solid open wharves constructed on each side for lumber and coal cargoes.
3. Kinau and Brewer wharf and slip projects, improving west end of harbor, should be carried out.
4. Legislature should appropriate for repair and maintenance of wharves.
5. Special appropriation should be secured from legislature to construct freight sheds on Hilo wharf.
6. Kahului harbor needs wharf for large steamships. Recommended plans be prepared for bulkhead wharf of suitable dimensions and construction.

The harbor board has been one of the most energetic and efficient of Hawaii's public bodies since its creation by the legislature of 1911. Its recommendations for the future should be made the basis for action by the legislature of 1913.

DYNAMITING FOR SUFFRAGE

Not content with hurling bricks at the prime minister, sticking hat-pins into the chancellor of the exchequer, smashing shop-windows and burning the various party leaders in effigy, British suffragettes are reported to have plotted still more emphatic measures. No one can deny that the idea of blowing up the houses of parliament is a novel and effective argument, but whether for or against suffragism there will be some difference of opinion.

Of course, dynamiting parliament is a more humane method of debate than the comparatively slow and painful hatpin-sticking in which some of the suffragettes have indulged during their efforts to speed legislation and stimulate legislators. Probably the premier would as soon have his head broken with a brick hurled by the female of the species. Certainly it would be more spectacular, and a greater guarantee of eternal fame.

However, even British chivalry will probably not applaud the plot to dynamite parliament. It is more than probable that the leaders in the plot will be sentenced to prison by a perplexed magistrate, and will be released, after they have starved themselves a few days in order to show that British women are intelligent enough to use the ballot. This sort of proof, we regret to say, is hardly conclusive to the ordinary American mind, which, thank Providence, is equipped with a number of brain-cells devoted to humor.

THE DEVIOUS COURSE OF NEWS

Coast papers received yesterday give considerable space to a story sent out from Washington to the effect that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha is securing options on land for a coaling station in Honolulu. The story illustrates the roundabout manner in which news often travels. The Star-Bulletin on October 24 published the news with considerable detail, a high official of the T. K. K. being then in the city and another due to arrive in a few days. When the news reached Washington, it was promptly telegraphed out all over the country. In fact, it was prominently displayed here one morning in the form of a special dispatch. Even before October 24 the Star-Bulletin had printed the story. Several months ago a supposed agent of the steamship company made some quiet investigations here and this paper then published authoritative information that the agent was looking to establish a Japanese coaling-station here and that his plans had been heard of by the military authorities.

RUSSIA GROWLS AT AUSTRIA

Russia has never forgotten nor forgiven Austria's coup in securing the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Muscovite's memory of wily Austrian diplomacy in the past adds to

his bitterness now as he sees the southern empire stretching tentacles toward Albania. There is more behind Russian bitterness than the present rivalry; there is ancient hatred and deep-seated distrust.

Associated Press dispatches yesterday brought the information that the Novoye Vremya of St. Petersburg, a newspaper well-known to be practically the mouthpiece of the Czar's inner councils, has declared boldly against paying attention to the German chancellor's warlike remarks. It is quite evident that Russia's official attitude is thus assuming more and more of an openly hostile nature. As early as the first of November, the Novoye Vremya thus expressed its distrust of Austrian policies:

How do the Austrian politicians look upon the Balkan question? They refuse to declare their neutrality in the war. They do not conceal the fact that they consider the strengthening of sovereign Serbia and even the amelioration of the condition of old Serbia detrimental to the interests of the Danube monarchy. They warn us that at the first success of the Serbs the Austrian troops will occupy the sanjak of Novi-Bazar. They make no secret of their intention to thwart the Balkan nations in their efforts to freely direct their own destinies. Getting ready for an armed intervention, they have already reinforced the frontier garrisons and very hurriedly passed through parliament extra-military appropriations.

Army officers interested in the militia believe that within a year a federal pay bill will have been passed, and, as a result, the national guard will be on an entirely new footing as to equipment and discipline. Since Congressman Pepper of the House committee on military affairs, made a report on a composite bill late in the last session, advocates of federal pay for militia have been resting on their oars, satisfied that their fight was practically won. The letter of President Taft to John Kirby, of New York, has again stirred interest in this kind of legislation. "The president expressed himself as heartily in favor of the legislation. When agitation was begun there were widely divergent views held by congressmen, war department officials, and militia officers. Gradually they got together. The bill reported to the House has the approval of Secretary of War Stimson and has been agreed upon by army and militia officers. All that remains to be done is to pass the bill, the preliminary process of creation having been completed. Small opposition to a federal pay bill is still alive among some state officials.

Governor Frear's reappointment by the president was to be expected. Taft's prompt action in sending the names to the senate indicates that whatever Congress may say about the policy of making appointments when his term is so soon to expire, the chief executive intends to pursue the straightforward and logical course under the circumstances.

A Massachusetts Progressive quotes Roosevelt as saying that he will not again be a candidate for the presidency. Well, if memory serves aright, the Colonel once quoted himself along the same lines, and a few months afterward he told the public he had been misquoted.

Percy Haughton, Harvard's football coach, has been offered \$10,000 a year to continue his work at Cambridge. American fathers who object to their sons' devotion to the gridiron instead of the classroom ought to cease their grumbling after this.

The Chinese cabinet has fixed the president's salary at 180,000 taels per annum. About \$133,000. This might suggest an answer to the question, "What shall we do with our ex-presidents?"

The Balkan Allies have done pretty well bucking the line and now it's about time to try a forward pass into Constantinople.

Supervisor Low declares that "this supervisory scheme of running the city government is a farce." He ought to know.

Seems to us that Russia's attitude is beginning to make this European situation look decidedly bearish.

Weather prophecy: Umbrellas will be worn rolled up during the Christmas season.

Wouldn't Teddy just wallow in glory now if he were a European Power?

A bird on the Christmas hat is worth two in the show-case.

Motto for Christmas shopping: Buy-and-buy.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

ANSWERING HIS DETRACTORS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—I beg you for space to have the following published.
Someone who is prejudiced against the police force of the district have made malignant and malicious charges through the Hilo Herald of Nov. 22nd. This charges I come to answer them in their true character. Upon information I recognized this man; who proved himself to be the murderer afterwards. But as someone in Kulaiaui could not tell me the difference between 4 and 12 months, it almost put me out at sea; on further identification I was convinced that this man had done some crime by his ways and uneasy conscience. I immediately notified the police, who arrived a few minutes later. I expected some instruction from the senior officer but none were given. I asked if we were to divide and it was agreed that we should all three go together. We went down to the stable at Kulaiaui and found the man wanted in the alleyway. The senior officer was on the south stall and the other green officer and I were on the north stall. We were all the same distance from the man but could not lay hands on him for the managers were in our way, so I called to the man to come out of the alley to the stall I was in, he looked over the manger and said, "outside alright." This was to go through the alley to the west, where this road. As there was no objection, the man kept on walking. I and the other officer followed him, when this man was about 10 feet from the road he glanced to the south and as he saw the senior officer back, then the murderer made a desperate bolt. What kept the senior officer from following us on the south is up to him to explain; had he come out the time we did the murderer could have no

chance for escape.
Those who have read the charges can easily perceive for what purpose the writer took the murderer from the alley and placed him in the stall, and also took the revolver from where we had them and aims them at the murderer, and that a conference was held in the stable, the writer of these stories must have frequent conferences on his place of business in the manner he talks of conferences, although he can judge others by himself.
The murderer made a desperate bolt from the alley to the road and ran through the south wing, which was open, crossed between the manure shed and other stable and got to the canfield. When I got to the fence of stable yard the murderer was in about 20 yards. I then drew my revolver and fired on his direction, jumped the fence, got in the cane as the cane was all full of trails it was impossible for anyone to get in the trail the murderer took, after going in quite a distance I stopped to hear, and all I heard was an officer a few lines behind me. I asked him if he was on the trail he said no. I knew then that the best part of the game was lost; so I came out and got my horse and ran to a road that branches to the mill road, following that road again we found the trail opposite the slaughter-house, the trail made for the west and went as far the gulch only.
These facts as they occurred is a contradiction of what is charged, "Not a policeman had the nerve to enter the cane." It looks as though the writer was suffering from a nervous prostration at the time he wrote this. The County Sheriff Pua was immediately informed of the truth and all he has to investigate is your false charges, Mr. Charger. It is easier to tell the truth than to —
Very sincerely yours,
F. FURTADO.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

KAPPELMEISTER BERGER—Last night in Ala Park the electric lights went out soon after the concert started, and although I telephoned and telephoned the electric man he never showed up. So the band played for two hours in the dark, yes.
GENERAL J. H. SOPER—The Panama Exposition yacht race from San Francisco to Honolulu will be the biggest boost Hawaii ever had. With yachts entered by the Emperor of Germany, the King of Spain and perhaps other crowned heads, the millions of New York and the country in general will have an opportunity of brushing against the skirts of royalty by coming to Honolulu and entertaining its representatives—thus promoting their chances of recognition in European courts—which is not likely to go unimproved.

LOW DENIES AUTO CHARGE

Supervisor Low this morning denied that he has ever used the municipal auto on his private business trips, a charge having been made at a recent board meeting that such was the case and Low having been singled out for the intimation of private enjoyment of the public vehicle.

"In my pineapple business on the other side of the island, I hired an auto, paying ten dollars or more at a time," he said today. "On a few occasions when I was staying on the other side at night and had to attend a board meeting, I asked that the municipal auto be sent for me, and I would use it to return in. I consider that if the city requires the attendance of a supervisor at a board meeting, it should be willing to send the auto for him when there is no other mode of conveyance."

"The objection I make to the bill against the mayor's machine for over \$100 is that most of the bill is for labor charges, not for material or equipment. It is ridiculous for the garage to charge something like \$120 for labor performed in mending the machine, when only a little work a day is done on it."

"I certainly hope I am above the petty graft of using a municipal machine for my private business."

ARMY IN OAHU

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handed compliments that passed between the three veterinarians during their famous triple defiance were somewhat out of the ordinary. The remarks show considerable originality in the abuse line, for profanity was considered entirely too commonplace, the "vets" rising to flights of sarcasm

and contemptuous adjective that showed considerable "class."
Here are some of the remarks that Dr. Van Agnew addressed to and of his colleague, Dr. James R. Haynes, according to the charges:
"You are very ignorant, you come from a poor school, poor indeed, you are a very weak sister, you have no back bone."
"I saw as soon as he started to work here, that while he had a smattering of up-to-date treatments (which anyone can get by reading them for half an hour) he was ignorant of the main principles of the care of sick animals."
"I am just the same as the captain of a troop and you are the same as a second lieutenant, and you can carry it to the colonel if you think you can put it through."
To Dr. Lester E. Willyoung, the fiery Vans Agnew said:
"I understand that you said you wrote that article about Lieutenant Butler, for me. If you did so, it is a deliberate falsehood and what is more, if you go on saying it, I shall put charges against you for lying, you understand that?"
"I will give it to you when I get good and ready," (referring to a request from Willyoung for certain veterinary supplies.)
The reviewing authority, Major General Murray, took a slam at the court in his action on the case, which reads as follows:
"In the foregoing case it is not understood by what process of reasoning the court arrived at the findings of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th and 10th specifications. The acquittal is therefore disapproved."
This action is merely a reprimand to the court, and in no way effects the clearing of Dr. Vans Agnew of the charge. From a look at the specifications disapproved, it is evident that the only matters in which the division commander agrees with the court concern the withholding of the supplies, and Vans Agnew's assertion that he "was just like the captain of a troop." That this last assertion is tentatively upheld, will no doubt be gall of the bitterest to Haynes and Willyoung.

PERSONALITIES

DR. J. S. B. PRATT, who is making a tour of the island of Hawaii, investigating health and sanitary conditions and the necessity of changes and improvements on the Big Island, is expected to arrive home Saturday.
MRS. O. H. LEE, wife of the single manufacturer of Maltby, Wash., was among the arrivals on the Makura from Vancouver yesterday. She has come to Honolulu to spend the winter visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter A. Engle, in Manoa Valley.

In case he desires to stand for election it is thought that M. Raymond Poincare will undoubtedly be the next president of France. He is by far the most popular man under consideration.

A woman former captured in New York kept a card of her crimes. They were so many that she couldn't remember them.

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FORT STREET

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We have property for sale in this district as follows:

We have the following property for sale in this district:
House and two lots, Palolo Hill \$3500.00
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise \$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2600.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki \$2700.00
3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave. \$1450.00
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Lot on Palolo Hillside \$550.00
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